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1. HERewith FULL TEXT WILLIAM E. FARRELL BYLINER THE
NEW YORK TIMES WEDNESDAY MAY 11 HEADED U.S. MIDEAST MOVES
WORRYING ISRAELIS.

2. THERE IS GROWING CONCERN HERE THAT RECENT UNITED
STATES MOVES AND COMMENTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST ARE AIMED
AT PRESSURING ISRAEL INTO ACCEPTING AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR
A RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE JEWS AND THE
ARABS.

2. THE LATEST INDICATION, IN THE VIEW OF SOME ISRAELI
OFFICIALS, CAME YESTERDAY WITH REPORTS OF "FULL AND
CONSTRUCTIVE" DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA BETWEEN PRESIDENT
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CARTER AND PRESIDENT HAFEZ AL-ASSAD OF SYRIA ON THE
POSSIBLE USE OF DEMILITARIZED ZONES AS PART OF A FUTURE
SETTLEMENT.

3. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID TODAY,
IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER ISRAEL WOULD
ACCEPT BUFFER ZONES, THAT "THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

FOR ISRAEL IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE DEFENSIBLE
BORDERS."

4. "THE GOAL AND SOLE AIM OF ISRAEL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID,
WAS "DEFINED POLITICAL BORDERS WITH ELEMENTS AND COMPONENTS
OF SECURITY AND DEFENSE."

5. SUCH THINGS AS DEMILITARIZED ZONES AND BUFFER AREAS,
THE SPOKESMAN SAID, WOULD HAVE TO BE "IN ADDITION TO ANY
BORDERS THAT WILL BE NEGOTIATED."

6. THIS THEME IS EXPECTED TO BE REITERATED TOMORROW BY
FOREIGN MINISTER YIGAL ALLON WHEN HE MEETS IN LONDON WITH
SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE.

7. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN, SUCH
THINGS AS BUFFER ZONES WOULD BE "SUPPLEMENTS" TO
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BORDERS THAT ISRAEL INSISTS CANNOT
BE THE SAME AS THOSE PRECEDING THE 1967 WAR IN WHICH
ISRAEL CAPTURED SIZEABLE PORTIONS OF ARAB TERRITORY.

8. IN THE PAST, ISRAEL HAS DOWNGRADED THE NOTION OF
DEMILITARIZED ZONES AND HAS REJECTED THE IDEA OF HAVING
NEUTRAL TROOPS ALONG BORDER AREAS INSIDE ISRAEL.

9. ASKED WHETHER MR. ALLON WOULD PROPOSE PARTICULAR
BORDERS TO MR. VANCE, THE SPOKESMAN REPLIED: "WE DO NOT
DRAW MAPS YET -- THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT WE WANT TO
NEGOTIATE. MR. ALLON IS GOING TO LONDON TO LISTEN."
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10. BUT HE DID NOT RULE OUT THAT THE TWO OFFICIALS
MIGHT DISCUSS GEOGRAPHICAL SPECIFICS. CHRISTOPHER

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